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SUBJECT: ANOTHER GOMA LETTER

1. ROMANIAN DISSIDENT AUTHOR PAUL GOMA HAS PENNED YET
ANOTHER PUBLIC LETTER, ENTITLED "WHY ROMANIANS LEAVE
ROMANIA", COPY OF WHICH POUCHED EUR/EE. WE ARE NOT SURE OF WHAT
DISTRIBUTION GOMA INTENDS OR HAS MADE OF HIS LATEST STATEMENT. IN
IT HE COMMENTS ON THE "RIGIDITY" OF THE SYSTEM AND ITS
DIRECTION IN ALL SECTORS, INCLUDING "CITIZEN'S PSYCHOLOGY"
BY THE "IRON HAND" OF THE RCP. HE ARGUES THAT ALL
CRITICISM IS CONSIDERED AS A HOSTILE OR TREASONOUS ACT
OR ONE DIRECTED BY "POWERFUL IMPERIALISTS" AND THAT
REFORM IS VIEWED AS ATTEMPT TO OVERTHROW THE SYSTEM.
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HE CRITICIZES LACK OF INTERNAL MOVEMENT IN ROMANIA,
BUT CONCENTRATES MAINLY ON INABILITY OF ROMANIAN
CITIZENS TO OBTAIN A PASSPORT WHICH IS NOW, ACCORDING
TO GOMA, REGARDED AS A "DREAM, THE GOAL OF LIFE" AND
VALUED MORE THAN "A GOOD JOB, CAR OR VILLA." IT HAS
EVEN BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR SOCIAL CHANGES AND HAS
CONTRIBUTED TO CHAUVINISM SINCE ONLY JEWS AND GERMANS

ARE ABLE TO LEAVE, AS RESULT OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS
WITH ISRAEL AND FRG.

2. GOMA COMMENTS THAT BY TAKING COERCIVE MEASURES
TO PREVENT THE OUTFLOW, GOR ACTUALLY STIMULATES FURTHER
DESIRE TO LEAVE. HE ARGUES TWO PRIME REASONS ROMANIANS
LEAVE ARE 1) BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO SECURITY, NO RIGHTS
AND NO FUTURE HERE AND 2) THEY REMAIN ABROAD BECAUSE
THEY CAN'T BE CERTAIN OF BEING ABLE TO TRAVEL AGAIN
ONCE THEY RETURN. GOMA FEELS SOLUTION TO FIRST
PROBLEM WILL BE DIFFICULT BECAUSE "ECONOMIC SET-BACKS
AND GENERALIZATION OF POLICE CONTROL HAS GIVEN BIRTH
TO AN INERTIA FROM WHICH THE SOCIETY CAN NOT EMERGE
IN A SINGLE NIGHT." SOLUTION FOR SECOND PROBLEM,
HOWEVER, IS SIMPLE, I.E. GIVE EVERYONE PASSPORTS. HE
CLOSES BY REMARKING, "THEY LEAVE THE COUNTRY BECAUSE
SOCIALIST ROMANIA DOESN'T NEED FREE MEN, BUT ROBOTS."

3. COMMENT: GOMA'S PERSISTENCE IN FACE OF RATHER
JUDICIOUS TREATMENT SO FAR ACCORDED HIM BY GOR
INDICATES THAT ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES MAY STILL HAVE
A PROBLEM ON THEIR HANDS, ALBEIT A MINOR ONE
COMPARED TO SOME OF THEIR NEIGHBORS. SIGNATORIES
ON ORIGINAL MANIFESTO NOW STAND AT 28, OF WHOM 17
ARE SAID TO HAVE EITHER LEFT THE COUNTRY OR HAVE
BEEN GIVEN PASSPORTS.
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